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JUVENTUS CAN WIN BUT MUST IMPROVE

BY ZAC DRAPAC

Ever since last Saturday's Cup final I wondered what has happened to Juventus side which early in March this year disposed of Melbourne Hakoah in a brilliant fashion to the tune of 5-1.

They looked then, like the first South Australian team capable of winning the Australia Cup.

There was no doubt that every player knew exactly what his role was, and was fully capable of carrying it out.

Last Saturday they were a mere shadow of that team, although on paper they looked a much stronger combination.

Unfortunate as they were, having two doubtful penalties awarded against them, and even more unfortunate with Mills t.o.g., their approach and attitude did not appear serious enough and worthy of a champion South Australian semi-professional side.

Today they meet Polonia, another of their old rivals in Cup competitions.

During the last few seasons, their clashes were always closely contested, but the atmosphere was much more relaxed than during Juventus-Hellas contests.

Enough has been said about styles and individual players of both teams a few weeks ago, when Juventus and

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ALAN CRISP previews the clash between Hellas and Croatia.

CROATIA BOOST BUT HELLAS LOOK WINNERS

Croatia, faced with the unenviable task of opposing Federation Cup winners, W.A. Hellas, had an unexpected windfall with the return from Sydney of goalkeeper, Mat Holzl.

Holzl was not expected to be available again this season, but his return will compensate for the loss of injured Jim McCabe.

Finding a substitute for suspended striker, Billy Birch, poses another problem for Croatia.

The answer may lie in promoting promising Youth team forward, Mike Kavalenti.

The 15-year-old attacker scored a bag of goals for S.A. in the recent Australian championships.

He also impressed last week when Croatia defeated Elizabeth City, 3-2, in a trial game.

Apart from Birch, Croatia will also be without full-back George Horvath, who is unavailable.

Carl Wittwer, now fully recovered from injury, could be used to bolster Croatia's defence.

Hellas appear to have fewer personnel worries than Croatia.

They will be in the happy position of being able to call on Tony Bat-chelor and Mav Killshiri to add to their triumphant cup winning side.

Hellas can't afford to be complacent about the outcome, however, because Croatia held them to two goalless league draws.

Hellas eliminated Croatia from the Federation Cup, but only by a single goal win.

Why do Hellas find it difficult to score against Croatia?

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HELLAS captain-coach, Tom Forde (left) clashes with Juventus striker Manuel Da Cruz in the Federation Cup Final at Hindmarsh.

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Tables

THIRD DIVISION

FIRSTS

Para Hills	-	-	19	1	2	80	22	39
Don United	-	-	15	3	4	78	18	33
Salisbury	-	-	14	5	3	74	24	33
Adel. University	-	14	5	3	60	36	33	
RAAF/RAF Edin.	11	4	7	66	49	26		
W.R.E.	-	-	10	5	7	58	38	25
Modbury	-	-	7	5	9	34	37	19
Mitcham	-	-	7	3	12	44	56	17
Taperoo United	-	5	2	15	43	70	12	
Flinders Uni.	-	6	-	18	38	89	12	
West Torrens	-	5	1	18	39	65	11	
West. Teach.	-	1	-	20	30	140	2	

RESERVES

Para Hills	-	-	17	1	4	80	25	35
Adel. Uni.	-	-	15	4	3	47	17	24
Salisbury United	-	14	3	5	57	30	31	
W.R.E.	-	-	12	5	6	51	29	29
Mitcham	-	-	13	3	6	32	30	29
Undergraduates	-	11	5	6	67	33	27	
Modbury	-	-	6	6	9	39	59	18
RAAF/RAF Edin.	6	5	11	51	43	17		
Don United	-	7	3	12	31	56	17	
W.R.E. C	-	-	5	1	15	23	92	11
West Torrens	-	2	4	16	27	68	8	
Taperoo United	-	1	4	17	18	79	6	

JUNIORS

Elizabeth Grove	-	11	2	3	49	18	24	
Elizabeth Vale	-	11	1	4	33	18	23	
Polonia Ottoway	-	10	3	3	33	24	23	
Elizabeth City B	11	1	4	38	22	23		
Para Hills	-	10	2	4	41	25	22	
Modbury	-	-	5	3	7	19	32	13
Elizabeth South	-	3	2	11	14	38	8	
Elizabeth North	-	2	2	11	14	28	6	
Salisbury United	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	

RESULTS

Saturday, September 23 — Third Division — Para Hills 3, Salisbury 2; Para Hills Res. 5, Salisbury 0; Para Hills Juniors 4, Modbury 3;

Sunday, September 24 — Rowley Cup — Semi-Finals: Para Hills 4, Don 3; Adelaide University 1, Taperoo 0.

Final at Kelsey Road, Salisbury, Saturday, September 30, at 3.15 p.m. (Reserves 1.15 p.m.)

Para Hills Res. 2, Don Res. 1.

INTERSTATE

SYDNEY

GRAND FINAL

St. George Budapest 5, Apia 2.
Scorers — St. George Budapest: Closs 3, Stegbauer, McColgan. Apia: Kerklaan, Blue, Horvath, West.

MELBOURNE

DOCKERTY CUP

Hellas 1, Hakoah 0.
Scorers — Hellas: Kokkinos. Slavia 3, Sunshine City 0.
Scorers: Slavia: Retney, Reid, Holmes.

ARMSTRONG RESERVE CUP

Slavia 2, Hakoah 1.
Scorers — Slavia: McCorquandale, McGregor. Hakoah: Loughran.
Polonia 4, Sunshine City 0.
Scorers — Polonia: Worbel 2, Mar-mur, Klimczek.

BRISBANE

GRAND FINAL

Hellenic 2, Hollandia-Inala 2.
Scorers — Hellenic: A. May 2. Hollandia-Inala: D. Mortimer, R. Richards.

PERTH

TOP FOUR CUP

Azzurri 2, Tricolore 1.
Cracovia 2, Cottesloe 0.

• The two controversial penalties in the Federation Cup final last week robbed what should have been a "championship" decider of much of its glamour.

The record books will show that Hellas beat Juventus 3-0.

In my opinion Hellas emerged as the better team, and their fans claim they are still the true South Australian champions, and not Juventus, who won the league title.

The Italian club's followers, however, claim that the two penalties awarded by referee Grant demoralised their team and the final result was not a true indication of the test of strength between the "giants" of S.A. soccer.

Personally, I would liked to have seen the game fought out minus the penalties.

The clash resolved nothing. On one hand it can be argued that Hellas did score a third goal, and on the run of play were worth it.

Going by previous thinking on a national level no one thought we would have four representatives.

Indeed, had we nominated more than six, there is every reason to think that Steve Herczeg and Johnny Perin would also have made the trials.

POLONIA BALL DATE SWITCH

The Polonia Club ball will be held at the Lancelot Stirling Hall, Wayville, on Saturday, October 7, not Friday, October 6, as published in Club Notes last week.

The change was necessary because of the trotting meeting on Friday.

Last Saturday's Cup Final result established Polonia as the only club to have defeated Hellas during this season and many supporters of the Greek club make no bones about the fact that they feel it was Polonia who presented the championship to Juventus on a plate.

Eugene Nowak's speech following the West End Medal presentation must have been the shortest on record, but at least he was permitted to speak.

GOOD CUP FINAL— BUT FOR PENALTIES

Taking the other view it can be said Juventus were down and out by the time it was scored.

However, the one fact that cannot be ignored was the tactical superiority of the Greek team.

They set out to check Tommy McColl and Manuel da Cruz and succeeded.

I predicted a draw, and this might have been but for the penalties.

Taking a cold look at the game I doubt if Juventus would have managed to penetrate the Hellas defence, and at the other end of the field, with Hellas relying for most of the time on two or three forwards, it is doubtful if they would have broken through more than that one sudden burst by young Zervas for a goal off defender Jimmy Mill.

But the plain facts are that Hellas won the Cup and Juventus once again could not beat them.

On the subject of the penalties, from where we sat in the press box, they did not look like penalties.

Indeed, referee Grant was obviously doubtful on the first as he had to consult linesman Candy before making his decision.

However, he made a very positive decision on the second without consulting anyone, and yet of the two alleged fouls the second, when Rusalen clashed with Pantelis, seemed, from where we were sitting, to be worth only a free kick.

Nothing, however, can be done about it now.

The game is over the decisions have been made, and even if there is a protest the match cannot be replayed.

And there will be no further clashes between Juventus and Hellas until next season — unless, of course, they go forward to represent us in the Australia Cup and end up meeting in the final!

Now that would be a match worth seeing!

TOM McKAIN

Our players' national squad chances bright

Our congratulations go out this week to the four players selected for the national squad trials in Sydney — goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz (Polonia), and forwards Tommy McColl (Juventus), Nick Pantelis and Ted de Lyster (Hellas).

However, four have been selected, and if the present apparent trend to look more kindly on S.A. soccer continues, at least two could make the final squad of 19 to tour Asia starting in November.

Enough has been said about the "trial" our boys had for the benefit

of national committee advisor "Rags" Tatters at Hindmarsh.

No one could have judged the players in this farce.

However, I feel we have to thank our top officials who turned up in full force to have a "word in Mr. Tatters' ear".

Their talking must have done some good, as I gather the Queensland man spoke well on our behalf at the National selection committee meeting in Sydney last week.

It is now up to the players themselves.

We wish them luck, and know that provided the men responsible for selecting the squad can keep an open mind, our candidates have an even chance of making the trip.

TOM McKAIN.

HOW THEY TIP . . .

Here is how our panel tips for the Australia Cup games: —

Adrian Deckers (editor), Tom McKain (News, NWS9), Allan Crisp (Soccer World, 5AD), Syl Phelan (Advertiser), Zac Drapac (Soccer News), all pick Juventus to beat Polonia. Penalty (Advertiser) picks Polonia.

In the other game, all tipsters pick Hellas.

—H.K.

Dates to watch for

Further to previous arrangements, the Singlehurst Shield game on September 30 will now be played at Olympic Sports Field, and the Colts Cup Final at Hindmarsh.

The fixture list for the next few weeks is now:

Saturday, September 30
Australia Cup Eliminations
Hindmarsh Stadium — 1.30 p.m.: Colts Cup Final, Polonia White v. Seaclyff-Austria; 2.45 p.m.: Adelaide Juventus v. Polonia.

Olympic Sports Field — 1.30 p.m.: Singlehurst Shield, Birkalla Juniors v. Elizabeth Grove; 2.45 p.m.: West Adelaide-Hellas v. Croatia.

Saturday, October 7
Australia Cup First Round
2.45 p.m.: West Adelaide-Hellas or Croatia v. Melbourne Croatia; 1.30

p.m.: Curtain Raiser, Colts Premiership Final.

Thursday, October 12
Australia Cup First Round
Adelaide Juventus or Polonia v. Western Australian team, 8.30 p.m.; Curtain Raiser, Challenge match, Adelaide High Schools v. Under 16 team, 7.15 p.m.

JUVENTUS PREVIEW

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Polonia met in the Federation Cup semi-final, which Juventus won 2-1.

Polonia played some excellent football in the first half and were all over Juventus, but collapsed badly after the interval when Juventus' superior strength and condition helped them to take complete command of the situation, and qualify for the final.

The Polish team suffered numerous injuries in that merciless semi-final. Only two of the 12 players that took part did not report injuries.

They had sufficient time to heal the bruises and should be back at full strength to have another crack at the champs in their first Australia cup match.

Since Polonia's promotion to the first division, the two teams met nine times, for two wins to Polonia, four to Juventus, and three draws.

Polonia, however, outscored Juventus 12 goals to 11.

Juventus should win this one if their, on paper, formidable forward line comes back to life.

Last week Serafini looked fast and dangerous everywhere, except where and when it counted most.

McColl was hardly noticed.

Herczeg was my pick of the forwards, but he was unable to beat brilliant Tsitsos. Meneghetti's shooting was too erratic and Cruz had another disappointing match.

They will have to take things seriously if they intend to contain Marciniak, Mielnik, Typek, Monka, and Kolecki, well supported by consistent Kouzaps, formidable Nowak, and zippy Ziggy Tomaszewski.

Romanowicz, Heppenstall, and Hamence need no introduction, and the Juventus forwards will have to be at their best to penetrate this reliable line of defence.

Summing it all up, I still think Juventus have enough talent to take the 1967 Australia Cup, but I cannot see them doing it on their effort in last week's Cup final.



Croatia: Top — Lister, Basic, Slager, Witwerr, Pegg, Mapstone, Balter. Bottom: — Moore, Bibic, Queenan, Ostomaj, Birch, Morris. Coach: Peters Woods. Missing is Billy Graham.

CROATIA — ALWAYS HARD TO MASTER

Croatia, although never reaching the dizzy glamour heights of Juventus or Hellas, have always been a colourful team.

Although backed by one of the smaller migrant communities, they are as enthusiastic as the larger groups and when players have been needed, supporters rallied to the cause.

Always "there, or thereabouts" in the League competition, Croatia are a hard team to beat, and that is why they are where they are today — in the Australia Cup play-off.

History of the club: —

Formed in 1952. From 1953-1957 played in the Metropolitan (Third) Division.

Promoted to the Second Division in 1958 finishing 4th on the ladder.

1959 — Second Division Champions and Pozza Cup winners. The same year runners-up to Juventus in both the Advertiser and Ampol Cups. Promoted to the First Division.

1960 — Finished fourth on the ladder, but won the Advertiser Cup, Ascot Tournament and the 1961 Ampol Cup.

1962 — Won the Federation (then Jaxen) Cup and qualified for the Australia Cup, losing in the first round to Melbourne Juventus.

1963-4 — Consistent, finishing in the four on both occasions.

1965 — Runners-up in the League, losing narrowly the last match and the championship to Lion.

1966 — Sixth on the ladder, and out of the four for the first time since promoted to the First Division.

1967 — Once again in the four (fourth) and in the qualifying match for the Australia Cup, they clash with the 1967 Federation Cup winners Hellas at Kensington.

Hellas preview

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The answer to this question could be found in the dominance full-back Nicola Billie has managed to exert over key striker, Nick Pantelis.

Bibic, unspectacular, but efficient, should provide a match highlight when he clashes with Pantelis.

Billy Graham has alternated between full-back and centre half during the season.

If he plays full-back today he will face elusive Ted De Lyster.

Rumour is rife that Croatia intend to settle for a draw so they can force a replay and have Billy Birch available.

This I doubt, but I believe we can expect a tough, tense game, with Hellas emerging as narrow winners.

Port Adelaide Soccer Club Inc.

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will be held at the
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on
SUNDAY, 8th OCTOBER at 2 p.m.
Agenda:
Constitution—Contracts—Transfers and
the Future Policy of the Club
Players, Members and Supporters
Welcome — Refreshments

PROBABLE SQUADS FOR PLAY-OFFS

HELLAS

TSITSOS
MARUSIC
KEFALOUDIS
WORTHINGTON
BURDETT
FORDE
PANTELIS
SOLOPOTIAS
ZERVAS
IRWIN
DE LYSER
PETERSON
KILISHIRI
HOGAN

CROATIA

HOLZL
WITWERR
BILIC
BALTER
GRAHAM
LISTER
QUENNAN
PEGG
SLAGER
MOORE
BASIC
KAVALCENTI

JUVENTUS

HORVATH
MILL
BAGGIO
PERIN
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CHIAPPIN

POLONIA

ROMANOWICZ
HEPPENSTALL
HAMENCE
KOUSAPA
NOWAK
ZURAWSKI
MARCINIAK
MIELNIK
TYPEK
MANKA
KOLECKI
TOMASZEWSKI
PAPROTNY

● Referee: MICK O'MALLEY — Linesmen: CAMPBELL and RITOSSA

● Referee: BILL HOSIE — Linesmen: VAN DER WEEKEN and MAY



● All loyal South Australians are hoping that Roger Romanowicz, Nick Pantelis, Ted De Lyster and Tommy McColl, gain selection in the Australian team to tour South-East Asia.

Here is the Polonia team which won the 1966 Ampol and Federation Cups:

Standing (left to right): Alec Cmielewski (secretary-manager at the time), Eugenius Nowak, Rudolph Paprotny, Alex Zurawski, Richard Urbanik (now in Melbourne), John Marciniak, Eddy Typek, Rick Hamenoe (present captain), Henry Manka, Cyril Heppenstall, Gerry Pettit (now in W.A.), John Middleton (trainer), Marian Krolecki, Roger Romanowicz, Edmund Krefz (coach).

Front row: Eugenius Mielnik and Lucas Kouzapa.

The 1967 team is very much the same except for Urbanik and Pettitt who are interstate. Included in the side is young Ziggy Tomaszewski and Polonia present secretary is Alec Kosmina.

GOALKEEPER SAVES PRIZE

Former Greek international goalkeeper, Panagiotis Tsitsos, was last week's winner of the Rosefield's Small-goods prize.

In the 56th minute of the Federation Cup Final, Tsitsos performed an acrobatic "miracle" save to stop a great 25-yard ground shot from Peter West.

The Hellas 'keeper was unsighted by a wall of players, but displayed his amazing reflex ability to dive horizontally and clutch the ball.

Tsitsos was the 24th winner of the prize for the season.

The others were: Giovanni Meneghetti, Paul Bailey, Werner Eichmann, Alec Byrne, Rab Jones, Gene Mielnik (twice), Manuel Cruz, Roy Burdett, Billy Birch, Roy Parsons, John Lovell, Ted De Lyster (twice), Peter West, Jim Wright, Bill Ferguson, Nick Pantelis, Nick Nechvoglod, Peter McKenzie, John Baines, John Cattenach and Roger Romanowicz.

Gordon Schwartz announces the winners at 6.15 p.m. every Saturday on 5AD.

Touchline Topics

WITH ALAN CRISP

Interest in the probable composition of the touring side is high, despite our sparse representation in previous national squads.

If the worst happens and none of our candidates impress during the Sydney trials, we can console ourselves that we will be represented on tour by S.A. senior board member, Mr. Jim Connell.

At last weekend's A.S.F. Executive meeting, Mr. Connell was chosen as co-tour director with Mr. John Barclay of Victoria.

The Australian team will leave on October 30, and will begin the tour by competing in Saigon's Festival of Football.

Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, South Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines will be participating in the tournament.

The team will then travel for matches in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, and return home on December 5.

★ ★ ★
The decision to appoint a full-time national coach was the most significant happening at the A.S.F. executive meeting.

The national body will advertise the position overseas.

The successful applicant will be asked to take charge of Australia's national squad and also to instruct other coaches throughout the country.

★ ★ ★
Another progressive step was the decision to send an Australian Under 23 team to New Caledonia.

They will go at the end of October to play a tournament against New Zealand and the home side.

★ ★ ★
The decision not to use the new goalkeeper rule during the Australia

Cup was the most amazing made at the A.S.F. meeting.

It now appears that the rest of the world is out of step.

Last week I asked "Soccer World" editor Paul Dean why the rule had not been implemented in Sydney.

His reply was, "Why N.S.W. hasn't yet introduced the new rule seems a mystery, and strengthens the old suspicion that we are still six independent States in search of a country."

★ ★ ★

Elizabeth City will conduct their annual trophy night in the Octagon, Elizabeth Town Centre, on Friday, October 6, at 8 p.m.

INTERCITIES TOURNAMENT

The Orange-Sturt Soccer Club have arranged an intercities tournament at Mortlock Park on October 14 and 15, between Sportclub Holland, Mount Gambier, Whyalla City and Mount Barker.

Programme will be:

Saturday, October 14 — (1) Mount Barker v. Orange-Sturt, 12.30 p.m.; (2) Whyalla v. Mount Gambier, 1.45 p.m.; (3) Winner (1) v. Winner (2), second semi-final, 3 p.m.; (4) Loser (1) v. Loser (2), first semi-final, 4.15 p.m.

Sunday, October 15 — Loser (3) v. Winner (4), preliminary final, 12 noon; Winner (3) v. Winner (5), grand final, 2 p.m.

A cup for the tournament will be presented by the Dutch Monthly.

On the Saturday night, a cabaret and floor show will be held in the R.S.L. Hall, corner of Dorset Avenue and St. George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. Tickets available from members and at the door.

SLAGER MAKES IT 300

Ten years ago, a quiet 16-year-old youth from Ede, Holland, came to Adelaide and joined the local second division club, Orange.

In a short time, this quietly spoken, shy lad became the terror of every goalkeeper in the competition.

Willy was 10 when he started playing soccer for Ede-South primary school in Holland. He played in a technical high school team before joining Ede, a Dutch Second Division club.

Quick as a flash, fearless and a very powerful shot, young Willy Slager played a major role in Orange's promotion to first division for the 1960 season.

At 15, he was a regular player for Ede's Reserves, and on several occasions played in their league side.

In the 1962 winter competition he scored 21 goals and was the leading First Division goalscorer.

After five seasons with Orange, Willy joined Croatia for the 1963 Ampol Cup competition and has been their top goalscorer ever since.

During this time, top First Division sides both here and in Victoria have tried to engage Willy's goal-scoring talents, but he has remained loyal to Croatia.

In 1963, his first season with Croatia, Willy was again the First Division's top goalscorer, and in 1964 he represented South Australia against Northern N.S.W. at Newcastle and against Queensland at Hindmarsh.

In 1965 he was runner-up on the goalscoring list with 18 goals to his credit.

In the first match of the 1966 season he was badly injured and it was a long time before he had recovered completely and recaptured his old goalscoring form.

On Saturday, when Croatia meets Hellas in their Australia Cup elimination round, Willy will be playing his 300th senior match in South Australia.

During the past 10 years he has averaged 30 matches and 27 goals per season, chalking up a total of 273 goals.

At this rate he should bring his tally up to 300 goals by the end of next season.

It's a lot of goals to score and he had better start right away — if it is okay with Tsitsos, the Hellas goalkeeper.

—ZAC DRAPAC.



● WILLIE SLAGER in shooting form.